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- 1) Sunwater claims that their costs have risen when the local Sunwater Branch has closed
- 2) Sunwater has a small hydro on the main release channel the income from this is not included in scheme revenue
- 3) Tinaroo Dam was fully allocated some 12-15 years ago,, since then Sunwater has continued the practise of releasing unallocated Tinaroo storage water at an unknown price/amount ,this water contains farmers spare and insurance water and has the PartA charge paid up quarterley in advance; when the dam does not fill farmers Nominal Allocation is reduced= insurance water went through hydro
- 4)Having a profit oriented State Govt cash cow in charge of the States water assets is not in our National Interst where irrigators can be world competative and contribute to feeding the rising 7 billion population
- 5)In the COAG water reforms of the Howard/Beattie era the Federal Govt recommended that locals be given the oppertunity to run their own water schemes so they could be competative domestically and internationally; instead the Qld Govt went in the opposite direction and Sunwater Corp was born..
- 6) If Sunwater cannot operate the schame so that the water cost is world production competative then Sunwater should stand down; there are lots of other more effcient ways schemes could be run including the participation of the Regional Councils which use/will use Tinaroo water.
- 7) It is obvious that Sunwater is administration top heavy.
- 8) Tinaroo Dam and first stage of channels cost \$13M , Tinaroo Dam has generated hundreds of million in benefits and tobacco taxes and now even with its gravity fed water it cannot produce water that is internationally competative for food production, Australia has to import an increasing amount of food.
- 9) It is in Sunwaters interst to have high water prices as such high prices result in more spare unused/insurance water for Sunwater to double sell to Stanwell Hydro which does not contribute to the operational cost of the scheme..
- 10) Why would anyone believe the costs that Sunwater claims when Sunwater has a confidentially agreement with Stanwell Hydro to cover the amount and price of unallocated water released to the hydro and enviroment.

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